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Welcome to Issue 30 of *Back To Prabhupada* (BTP).

In our previous issue, in the article "How the guru hoax works", we highlighted how the guru hoax has been manufactured via the simple interchanging of *diksha* (initiating) and *siksha* (instructing) guru labels between Srila Prabhupada and a guru hoaxter. However, this does not mean that the guru hoax is simply an issue over semantics and emphasis. Rather, as we explain below, the guru hoax simply uses different labels as a cover to perpetrate power-grabs in Srila Prabhupada's name, which ensures that one's spiritual life is finished right at the start.

1) Interchanging labels on Srila Prabhupada's position, so that he is now called only the primary *siksha* guru rather than both *diksha* guru and primary *siksha* guru, is done to usurp Srila Prabhupada's supreme position by creating a position for oneself as *diksha* guru. Additionally, this act also means that one is promoting the contaminated conception that Srila Prabhupada is incapable of delivering a person back to Godhead without the absolute necessity of the agency of a GBC-authorized *diksha* guru. Further, as we demonstrate on pages 12-13 of this issue, rejecting Srila Prabhupada as *diksha* guru has also been accompanied by a wholesale rejection of Srila Prabhupada's teachings, leading to deviation in every sphere.

2) Alternatively, the correct label can be applied to Srila Prabhupada as ISKCON's *diksha* guru as an excuse to capture power and properties and/or justification to continue similar deviant agendas and projects. This, as we explained in the editorial of *BTP* 19, is another type of guru hoax, called "The Great Guru Hoax, Part 3".

Thus, since the guru hoax involves deviating from Srila Prabhupada's orders, one is in any

case unqualified to act as a *siksha* guru:

"Then so *siksa* and *diksa-guru*... A *siksa-guru* who instructs against the instruction of spiritual, he is not a *siksa guru*. He is a demon. *Siksa-guru, diksa-guru* means... Sometimes a *diksa-guru* is not present always. Therefore one can take learning, instruction, from an advanced devotee. That is called the *siksa-guru*. *Siksa-guru* does not mean he is speaking something against the teachings of the *diksa-guru*. He is not a *siksa-guru*. He is a rascal. [...] If one is disobeying the spiritual master, he cannot remain in the pure status of life. He cannot be *siksa-guru* or anything else. He is finished, immediately."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 4/7/1974)

Hence, though the correct labels should be used, otherwise this would be yet another deviation from Srila Prabhupada's orders, simply adopting them does not alone fix the guru hoax.

Therefore, regardless of the labels used, both types of hoaxes involve simply using Srila Prabhupada's name to further one's own desires, rather than those of Srila Prabhupada. This means that these guru hoaxes ensure that one does not actually accept, obey and please Srila Prabhupada, which are all required in order to practise Krishna consciousness:

"As stated by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, *guru-krsna-prasade paya bhakti-lata-bija*: by the mercy of Krsna and guru, one can get the seed of devotional service."

(*Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 5:14:39, purport)

"Guror avajna. First offense is guror avajna, defying the authority of guru. This is the first offense. So one who is offensive, how he can make advance in chanting? He cannot make. Then everything is finished in the be-

ginning. [...] The first offense is to disobey the orders of guru. That is first offense. So if you are offensive, how you can become advanced by chanting? That is also not possible."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 4/7/1974)

"Lord Brahma wanted to point out to the demigods that by the strength of the guru one can become most powerful within this world, and by the displeasure of the guru one can lose everything. This is confirmed by the song of Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura:

yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado / yasya prasadan na gatih kuto 'pi

"By the mercy of the spiritual master one is benedicted by the mercy of Krishna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement."

(*Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 6:7:23, purport, emphasis added)

In this way we can understand that the guru hoax ensures that we are spiritually doomed right from the beginning. So clearly, understanding and combating the guru hoax in all its forms is the singular most important activity for anyone wishing to practise Krishna consciousness, since without this, everything else is rendered meaningless. Thus, even though all of us have had the great fortune due to Krishna's mercy to find Srila Prabhupada, we must then actually make use of such wonderful mercy by ensuring we act always to only please Srila Prabhupada. So let us reject all types of guru hoaxes, and instead make ourselves worthy recipients for Srila Prabhupada's mercy.

Please feel free to write to me at the following address:
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• Thank you and Hare Krishna.

• Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada,

• Krishnakant



Letters to the editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a continued overwhelming response, the publication of letters has been running approximately 6 months behind for quite some time now. We tried previously to run an extra page of letters to clear the backlog, but this was to no avail since as the number of our subscribers continues to increase, so do the letters! We humbly beg your patience.

“Hare Krsna Krishnakant Prabhu,

Enjoying the continued exposure of the bogus gurus, much of which I have personally witnessed here to one degree or another, and of course, in my own personal sojourn with ISKCON's bogus “walking monk.” Note the link to the Vancouver “Chariot Festival” homepage, where the same “multicultural” contamination continues to be encouraged here. I stopped attending the Rathayatra parades here in Vancouver once they began including Scottish Bagpipe bands and Chinese Dragon dancers - the excuse being of course, that we live in a multicultural city, so we are trying to encourage that aspect in order to attract visitors. Dumbing down the message in an effort to go “mainstream.” Best wishes. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.”

- Tattvadarshan Das, Vancouver, Canada

(Editor's note: For further examples of how Srila Prabhupada's Rathayatra festivals have changed, please see our article on pages 12-13).

“I have read the magazine Back To Prabhupada in Dutch. How can I thank you, you are doing a great job. I am an aspiring devotee and I was trying to find my way. This is it. I will also join IRM. Srila Prabhupada is the only Guru in ISKCON and he is guiding me already. Maybe in the future I can also help. I speak Turkish. Thank you very much! Hare Krsna! Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!!”

- Nurgul Ol, Hilversum, The Netherlands

“Thank you for the BTP. I just finished reading it and I'm happy that you are doing this very important service because a lot of devotees fall down because of this guru hoax in ISKCON. We know that Sri Krsna is doing it through good devotees like you. Someone has to do it, no waiting for the next generations, and Srila Prabhupada has chosen you to do it. Unfortunately I'm one

of the devotee victims of the guru hoax. I know that the benefit of serving Srila Prabhupada remains even if the leaders are unqualified, but I think by your grace ISKCON will come back to Srila Prabhupada as the only siksa and diksa guru for the next 9500 years very soon. Sri Krsna also wants Srila Prabhupada to guide ISKCON through your precious help in making the devotees more aware of this guru hoax.”

- Sebastian Abate, London, England

“Your magazine showed me a great change in my life. Please continue your service. Hare Krishna.”

- K. Raghavendran, Tamil Nadu, India

“I always read Back To Prabhupada with appreciation and adoration. Srila Prabhupada is the sole Guru of ISKCON and his blessings upon you clearly show in your endeavour to fight for his cause. All the false ‘Acaryas’ will be vanquished like the false ‘Vasudeva’ mentioned in the Srimad-Bhagavatam. With due apologies to Vaishnavas, I intend to say that disobeying a Guru does not make one a Vaishnava. Revival of ISKCON to its original glory to please Srila Prabhupada is the real ‘Vyasa Puja’ offering to him! Jaya Srila Prabhupada, the original and genuine Acharya of ISKCON! All glories to Srila Prabhupada.”

- Dr Krishna Prasanna, Karnataka, India

“Thank you so much for the magazines, I have read them over and over. We are going back to Prabhupada, back to Godhead. I wanted an explanation of ‘guru-tattva’ - thank you dear Prabhus, very nice. I am involved in IRM because I want to know the philosophy and greatness of Prabhupada. He brings us near to Lord Krishna. Haribol!”

- Prabhat Kumar, West Bengal, India

“Enjoying reading your magazine. Keep up the good job you are

doing. Hare Krishna.”

- Praful Patel, Surrey, UK

“Thank you for your continued efforts to bring Srila Prabhupada back to his original state as all of our Diksa Guru.”

- Jitendriya Das, Michigan, USA

“I am very fortunate enough to bring myself in relationship with IRM, and now I would like to know about ISKCON completely.”

- Ami Kumar Agarwal, Siliguri, India

“It is very nice to hear the truth. Keep the philosophy at a high degree. Srila Prabhupada and his instructions must be followed properly.”

- Jayan K. V., Kerala, India

“Hare Krishna Prabhu ji,

I am really happy after receiving the magazine and this increases my faith in Srila Prabhupada. I request you to keep on sending the copy of BTP so that I always remain in touch with IRM.”

- Ram Krishna, Jaipur, India

“I support IRM. BTP is bringing back Shri Krishna's message of love and devotion as propounded by Srila Prabhupada. Chanting of Hare Krishna has filled my life with hope and liveliness.”

- G.D. Tekale, Milton Keynes, England

“You are doing a very wonderful job in preserving Srila Prabhupada's heritage and teachings from the hands of deviators. You are very good in analyzing the statements and bringing out the correct interpretations. I read The Final Order and the BTPs. I am a strong supporter of the ritvik system. I would like to get updated on the current situation. Hare Krishna! Srila Prabhupada Ki Jaya!!! Your humble servant”

- Narayana Das, Massachusetts, USA

“I will keep on supporting you to make a change and bring the truth out. Hare Krishna.”

- Jeevraj Ramiah, Klang, Malaysia

“May Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krishna bless you in all your endeavors of bringing the devotees BACK TO PRABHUPADA and re-instating Srila Prabhupada back to his original position (diksa guru of ISKCON). You prabhhus have saved many people from the clutches of bogus ISKCON gurus. Although no word is enough to praise this work you are doing, all that can be said is: Thank you for this wonderful service. Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krishna.”

- Sarang Jain, New Delhi, India

“I think your vision and activities are most wonderful. May the Lord be more merciful on you all! Haribol!”

- Dr. P.K. Ray, Birmingham, England

“There should be no changes to the original ISKCON as Srila Prabhupada desired. He is the original Guru.”

- Mrs Vijaya Tuli, Uxbridge, England

“Your articles are well written, stating the truth and well founded human values. The world needs the Real Hare Krishna teachings.”

- R. Rajasingam, Penang, West Malaysia

“Thank you for the BTP issue #27. Keep ‘em coming until the Guru hoax is put to rest. Please continue your service and All Glories To Srila Prabhupada!”

- Joe Jernigan, Tennessee, USA

“I'm very much in favour of reviving Srila Prabhupad's ISKCON. Having had the privilege to associate with a lot of sincere devotees, as well as fake power-mongering asuras, I made a decision in the past to leave, so I remain sane, and take responsibility as a householder.”

- Ramdas, Sumatra, Indonesia

“Dear Krishnakant ji

Wonderful work! ISKCON should find an amicable solution of their differences through the process of dialogue, logic and Vedic dharma and stop wasting time in quarrel since there is a lot of work ahead in the world. The movement is not in full swing.”

- Dr. Dev Tewari, Durban, South Africa

Letters to the editor *(continued from page 3)*

"Thank you very much for the BTP. I read all the articles of the magazine with much interest. I do learn much in this magazine because it covers things I will probably never have the chance to read. Thank you for your guidance. Jaya Shri Krsna! Jaya Jaya Srila Prabhupada!"

- John Brisson, Quebec, Canada

"Thank you for another thought provoking issue and thank you once again for keeping us informed. This is a very valuable service. I very much appreciated the articles. I am glad you showed how the GBC has over the years had to continually modify their position. I believe that every article is very interesting and full of truth. I have enclosed a donation to help in the distribution of BTP. I am always impressed when reading the letters to the editor and articles by devotees who have come back to Prabhupada... I'm always impressed with how far reaching BTP is. I remember being one of the followers of Srila Prabhupada who thought those that made negative statements about ISKCON leadership were only great offenders, and I thought IRM was especially unnecessarily harsh until I read The Final Order. After all, who could possibly think that the entire ISKCON leadership could be off track? Surely some of them would break ranks and speak the truth! But this is what is so disappointing. ISKCON leadership has closed ranks and keeping their followers in darkness on the issue of diksa guru and Prabhupada's instructions on initiation with very few exceptions. And those exceptions have come only after the hard pushing of Krishnakant Prabhu's The Final Order and BTP. I wish every one of Srila Prabhupada's followers could read a copy and then make their own decision of who is speaking the truth. It has become clear to me that not understanding what is the meaning of diksa guru could have long term negative consequences. If someone will not

speak the truth on the issue of diksa and Prabhupada's instructions on initiation, he will surely be blinded in other areas of understanding and instruction. Please continue to remind us of what has happened in ISKCON. Thanks so much to you and the entire IRM staff for all you do. Hare Krishna!"

- Richard House, Oklahoma, USA

"I always look forward to reading about Srila Prabhupada and his disciples, although it makes me sad to sometimes see the rift between members of what should be a united family."

- Elizabeth Wittig, London, England

"I think you are doing a very important work. Keep it up and chant and be happy."

- Jarle Monstad, Kalandseidet, Norway

"Thank you for your inspiring work. My view of ISKCON has been tainted for years but your movement gives me hope!"

- Joshua P. Geesaman, Pennsylvania, USA

"IRM has really enlightened me about the spirituality of Prabhupada directly. Guru parampara after Prabhupada has totally changed the concept thereof. It is their personal grudge and groupism which is causing this kind of debauchery. Thank you. Hare Krishna."

- Souvill Nandy, Kolkata, India

"Jaya Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna. Dear Krishnakant, please find enclosed a donation to add to your program to bring His Divine Grace back to the centre of his movement. Thank you for your ongoing presentation via the magazine. Yours truly"

- Ralph Eberlein, Melbourne, Australia

"GLORIES TO SRI KRISHNA PARAMATMA, SRILA PRABHUPADA AND GAURA NITAI! I would be pleased to know more about these BOGUS GURUS who are defaming HIS DIVINE GRACE SRILA PRABHUPADA..... HARE KRISHNA!"

- Sanjeevi Bharadwaj, Chennai, India

"Good service!"

- Klaus Renner, Berlin, Germany

"Thank you for your nice service to the humanity. Hare Krishna! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!"

- Mohini Murti Devi Dasi, Pontevedra, Spain

"I am interested to have ISKCON across continents be restored to Srila Prabhupada's original master plan for distributing Krishna Consciousness, freely to one and all. Those commercialising the Hare Krishna movement must be chastised by devotee Guru and Lord Krishna Himself!"

- Nitesh Pillai, Bangalore, India

"God bless you all in IRM. May Lord Krishna help us to achieve our results for the service of Guru and Krishna."

- H.K. Money, Ontario, Canada

"Keep up your good work.

May Lord Krishna bless you all."

- G. Ramnath, Toronto, Canada

"Long live H.D.G. Srila Prabhupada. Long live IRM (ISKCON) Devotees. Long live IRM. IT MUST BE DONE IN ISKCON AS PRABHUPAD DESIRED. All I can add on top of the good work already and is still being done by IRM is just "waka waka", it's time for IRM. I love the way IRM is penetrating the "Guru" strongholds. Keep it up."

- Patrice Waga, Kisumu, Kenya

"I really enjoy reading BTP which I loaned from my friend. I would like to have my own subscriptions. Keep up the good work and Srila Prabhupada will be pleased."

- Marthuranand Das, Verulam, South Africa

"Go on exposing the corrupt and bogus gurus, presidents, GBC members and child abusers. Well done IRM. Hare Krsna."

- K.M., Bhagarette, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

"Yes, it is indeed a great thing to read in life."

- Sonai Arora, Lucknow, India

"After reading this book I am satisfied. Thanks to all of you. Jaya Prabhupada, Jaya Gurudev."

- Rajesh Kumar Debata, Puri, India

"Just wanted you to know that I just received the latest issue of BTP

and I am enjoying reading it very much. For so many years I have been reading the books and chanting alone but feel like I need to know more about the WHOLE picture. I had no idea that so many of Srila Prabhupada's followers/leaders have fallen the way they have. I AGREE very much with the mission you are carrying on. I am so glad that you are helping all of us to become enlightened as to what has happened since Srila Prabhupada left this planet. Thank you for sending me BTP, I read every issue many times. May Krishna bless and keep you strong in exposing what is happening in ISKCON!"

- Steve Harvell, North Carolina, USA

"I took first initiation from Jayathirtha and second from Bhagavan. I am lost but being sincere to Srila Prabhupada, I would be fortunate to join your movement."

- Prang Ravindranath, Rose Belle, Mauritius

"These pages bring inspiration to my Krsna consciousness and deeper devotion to His Divine Grace, though I am a worthless neophyte, lax in my sadhana and nearly devoid of bhakti, unworthy to have association with souls so devoted to restoring the Hare Krsna movement to the desires of the Jagat-guru Srila Prabhupada. Please forgive me if I am committing an aparadha by saying this but despite losing my seva as well as association with devotees here in the States, I could not accept someone such as HG Candramauli Swami as my spiritual master, and believe Krsna, by the mercy and grace of His pure devotee, has brought the ISKCON Revival Movement into my life for a purpose I am yet to understand. In closing, I pray that this letter finds you in the best of health and blissfully chanting the Holy Names of Lord Krsna, as I also pray for all success in restoring Srila Prabhupada as the true acarya of our Krsna consciousness movement. Hare Krsna!"

- Bhakta Timothy Shipley, Wisconsin, USA

Quotes, Notes and News (QNN)

BTP forces cartoon apology

In response to our article in *BTP* 28, "Lord Krishna turned into cartoon fiction", the ISKCON Bangalore devotees involved in making the "Little Krishna" cartoon have issued an apology and conceded all the major points made in our article. An analysis of their statement can be read at the following website link:
www.iskconirm.com/docs/webpages/cartoon.html

Nonsense guru hoaxer quotes

The quotes in the tinted panels below are from a lecture given on 9/6/2008 by ISKCON guru hoaxer **HH Bhakti Vikash Swami ("BVKS")**.

Public relations disaster

"Prabhupada, he was a moving public relations disaster for ISKCON."

FACT: The real public relations disaster for ISKCON has been the guru hoax program, which BVKS fully supports and of which he is a member, and whose members, as another guru hoaxer **HH Jayadvaita Swami ("JS")** fully admits, **"have had illicit sexual intercourse with both women and men, and possibly children as well."** (*Where the Ritvik People are Right*, JS, 1996).

And as we documented in the *BTP* Special Summary Issue, almost 50% of the guru hoaxers have had some sort of falldown or impropriety, and that figure only includes those which have been made public and not successfully covered up.

Problem books

"So Prabhupada, he didn't subscribe to this political correctness, which is become in the eyes of some members of our movement, mainly the GBC, a major problem in the modern age. Because there are statements in Prabhupada's books..."

As we documented in *BTP* 27 (please see "Book changes means defeat"), the main person who has a problem with the statements in Srila Prabhupada's books is

BVKS himself, so much so that he wants them to be changed! Srila Prabhupada's statement in the *Caitanya-caritamrta* that **"it is best not to accept any disciples"** exposes BVKS's guru hoax program, and therefore BVKS proposed that this statement be changed.

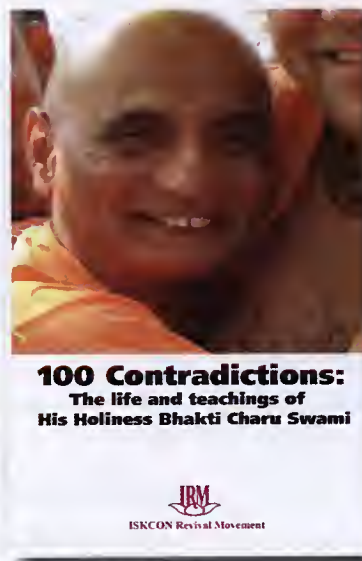
Another guru hoaxer agrees

For many years the IRM has been attempting to educate the GBC that Srila Prabhupada repeating Lord Caitanya's order to "become guru" from *Caitanya-caritamrta*, *Madhya-Lila*, 7:128 (*"amara ajanya guru hana"*), is not evidence that Srila Prabhupada authorised every one of his disciples to become *diksha* guru successors, as the GBC claim (see their position paper *Prabhupada's Order* [1998]). In *BTP* 28, we quoted at least 3 guru hoaxers accepting the IRM's position that this order does not actually authorise *diksha* guru successors: HH Tamala Krishna Goswami, HH Hridyananda Das Goswami and HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami. To this list we can now add a fourth – **HH Bhakti Charu Swami ("BCS")**:

Q: "Should we become a guru at some stage in order to go back to Godhead?"

BCS: "You may not have the stamp of a guru from ISKCON saying that you are now authorised to give *diksha* and accept disciples. However, a devotee is already a guru. The instruction of Lord Caitanya is to practice Krishna Consciousness and preach. *Amara ajanya guru hoiya tara ei desa*. So

IRM book causes shockwaves



By now, every one of the many thousands of subscribers to *BTP* will have received the first of our book exposés: **100 Contradictions: The life and teachings of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami**. The book has also been mailed to religious scholars, faith leaders and academic institutions around the world.

Via using his own statements, this book constructs a detailed "autobiography" of a personality who is considered one of the most respected and scholarly amongst the guru hoaxers (indeed, even a leading so-called "ritvik" site has an article by him). The book graphically proves how one of the supposedly "best" guru hoaxers has throughout his life perpetrated a massive hoax by contradicting himself and Srila Prabhupada at least 100 times, as well as offending Srila Prabhupada on every level. It therefore dramatically exposes the whole guru hoax via a stunning practical example. Its impact has been far-reaching, as epitomised by the following reactions:

"This book will be devastating for Maharaja and anyone who respects him. It must be kept hidden at all costs."

"I am shocked at what I have read there. This book must be made compulsory reading for anyone thinking of accepting an ISKCON guru."

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you have to become a guru to go back to Godhead." (BCS Lecture, 5/10/2008)

BCS states a devotee is already a guru by virtue of Lord Caitanya's order to "become guru", even though he is not au-

thorised to be a *diksha* (initiating) guru and accept disciples. This means that BCS accepts that Lord Caitanya's "become guru" order is authorising a non-*diksha* guru, i.e. a *siksha* (instructing or teaching) guru.

The real *parampara*

The GBC have argued from the outset that Srila Prabhupada can not act as ISKCON's *diksha* guru since this would violate the principle of *parampara* or disciplic succession. This argument is encapsulated by GBC-elected guru hoaxer HH Jayadvaita Swami ("JS"), who writes:

"That a spiritual master initiates until his departure and then his disciples initiate next is the normal system. On this we are all in agreement. This is what Srila Prabhupada taught the entire time he was with us."

(Where the Ritvik People are Wrang, Jayadvaita Swami, 1996, emphasis added)

JS states emphatically that not only are "all in agreement" with the above, but also that this was what "Srila Prabhupada taught the entire time he was with us", and the present ISKCON GBC at least, are in such agreement.

We will demonstrate that the GBC's guru hoax system is a mixture of 4 different systems, with each of these systems being a deviation from the principle of the disciplic succession as taught either by Srila Prabhupada or the GBC themselves. Furthermore, it will be demonstrated that only by having Srila Prabhupada as ISKCON's *diksha* guru will we have a bona fide *parampara*.

Competitors, not successors

The GBC's standard for the disciplic succession involves the guru initiating "until his departure", and then the guru stops initiating on his departure so that he can then be followed by his disciples who would initiate next in his absence ("then his disciples initiate next").

In this way the disciple "succeeds" the guru in initiating. However, the guru hoax turns the disciplic succession on its head by having not a disciplic succession, but a disciplic supplementation, whereby both the guru and dis-

ciple initiate **at the same time**, competing with each other for disciples! This, therefore, becomes not a "guru-disciple *parampara*", but a "guru-disciple-guru parallel". Examples of this phenomenon within ISKCON's guru hoax are:

- HH Hridayananda Das Goswami and his disciple-guru HH Chandramukha Swami.

- HH Sivarama Swami and his disciple-guru HH Mahavishnu Goswami* (now deceased).

*a different Mahavishnu to the one featured in BTP 29

Unlawful succession

A variation of the GBC system occurs when the disciple actually does succeed his guru, but the succession occurs before the guru departs. This not only contradicts the GBC standard quoted at the outset, which states that the disciple only initiates after the guru departs, but also the following "law of disciplic succession" which the GBC quote in their many papers on "*guru-tattva*":

"But as a matter of etiquette it is the custom that during the lifetime of your spiritual master you bring the prospective disciples to him, and in his absence or disappearance you can accept disciples without any limitation. This is the law of disciplic succession."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter to Tusta Krsna, 2/12/1975)

An example of this is practised by guru hoaxer HH Jayadvaita Swami and his disciple-guru HH Kadamba Kanana Swami.

No disciplic succession

A number of ISKCON guru hoaxers have passed away now (7 at the time of going to press – Gaura Govinda, Tamala Krishna, Sridhara, Bhakti Tirtha, Suhotra, Bhakti Svarupa Damodara and Purnachandra). Though the GBC standard would then call for their "disciples to initiate next", and

thus "continue the disciplic succession", this has not occurred in a single case where the guru has departed, even though it has now been some 15 years since the first ISKCON guru departed. Indeed, as we can see in the quote below, following the departure of one such guru, HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami ("BTS"), no such succession can even possibly occur:

"Gurudeva did not leave, or could he possibly leave a successor."

(BTS disciples forum, 8/7/2006)

In this way, the disciplic succession "stops", according to the GBC's own standard.

Unauthorised successors

Other ISKCON gurus have simply taken up the position of succeeding their guru without any authority from their own guru, as is the requirement according to *sastra* (scripture):

"One should take initiation from a bona fide spiritual master coming in the disciplic succession, who is authorised by his predecessor spiritual master. This is called *diksha-vidhana*."

(*Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 4.8.54, purport)

The example of this is the disciples of Srila Prabhupada who replaced him as ISKCON's *diksha* guru without Srila Prabhupada having authorised them to do so. To date, no such guru hoaxer has been able to bring forward any such "guru succession" order from Srila Prabhupada authorising him to act as *diksha* guru in ISKCON. Rather, as we have documented in BTP, they have taken up such a *diksha* guru position either via self-appointment or a GBC vote.

Real *parampara*

We can see that all of these types of practices, which constitute ISKCON's current guru hoax system, are deviations from the principle of disciplic succession as

taught by both Srila Prabhupada and by the acting GBC Body. The current ISKCON guru hoax system can be contrasted with the characteristics of a real *parampara* as stated in the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* by Srila Prabhupada:

"...in order to receive the real message of *Srimad-Bhagavatam* one should approach the current link, or spiritual master, in the chain of disciplic succession."

(*Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 2.9.7, purport)

As long as one is approaching the current link spiritual master in the chain of disciplic succession, we have a real *parampara* or disciplic succession. Such a disciplic succession is represented currently by the current link, Srila Prabhupada, who:

a) was established as the current link for the disciplic succession for all members of ISKCON in 1966;

b) has remained in this position ever since, with no order for either the succession or termination of his current link position; and

c) who is giving us "the real message of the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*" via his voluminous purports, which is the only method by which everyone in ISKCON receives the message of the *Bhagavatam*.

Conclusion

So the real disciplic succession only exists and continues in ISKCON with Srila Prabhupada as the current link, just as he established and ordered, and does not continue via the many deviant hodgepodge concoctions that the GBC and their 70-odd gurus have cooked up.

So take your pick:

1) The current link - Srila Prabhupada,

or

2) The current mess - GBC guru hoax.

The choice is not that difficult!

One foot in the *parampara* concoction

The acting GBC's treatment of its latest "fallen" guru brings into sharp focus the absurd contradictions present in its guru hoax program. (We deliberately put "fallen" in quotation marks, since all of the GBC-approved persons who are taking the position of *diksha*, or initiating, guru are unauthorised and, therefore, spiritually fallen. However, the GBC generally considers only those who are actually caught breaking the 4 regulative principles as being fallen).

The half-guru

The GBC issued the following statement regarding one of their voted-in guru hoaxers:

"It is our duty to inform you that Umapati prabhu is no longer authorized by the ISKCON society to serve as an initiating spiritual master and *sannyasi* within ISKCON [...] Disciples and followers who wish to do so may continue to consider Umapati prabhu their spiritual master and continue to take guidance from him. [...] Umapati prabhu had misused his status as a guru to behave inappropriately with several male disciples over a number of years and that this behavior was of a sexual nature."

(GBC Statement, GBC meetings, 2010, emphasis added)

The statement claims that:

1) Umapati is so fallen that he is not qualified to act as *diksha* guru, or indeed even remain as a *sannyasi* (renunciant).

2) Umapati is simultaneously qualified to continue acting as *diksha* guru to those who are already his disciples.

So he is simultaneously able to both not function, and function, as a *diksha* guru! He is a person who is like a "half-guru", who has one foot in the *parampara* (disciplic succession of bona fide gurus), and one outside.

New trend

This phenomenon of half-gurus, who are considered to have only one foot in the *parampara*, in that they are not qualified to be *diksha* gurus for one class of person, but simultaneously completely qualified for another class, appears to be part of a trend. A similar "half-guru" resolution was also passed to deal with the official position of **Satsvarupa**, following his admission of an affair with a married disciple:

"In consultation with the GBC EC, he has agreed to retire from initiating; he will not initiate any more disciples. His present disciples are encouraged to go on steadily in their devotional service to ISKCON and Srila Prabhupada, and he will continue to offer guidance and care as they so desire."

(GBC Executive Committee Statement, 'Concerning Satsvarupa Maharaja', May 11, 2004, emphasis added)

So again, he is simultaneously both unqualified and qualified to act as a *diksha* guru, depending on the persons involved.

The time-out guru

The half-guru entity is only the latest bizarre concoction foisted onto the sacred *parampara*. We also have the time-out guru, where gurus are deemed unqualified to be *diksha* gurus only for a limited time, rather like penalty time-outs in Ice Hockey. After the penalty time-out has been served, the guru is invited to once again place both of his feet firmly back in the *parampara*. Two examples of this were **Rohini Suta Das** who was suspended from being a guru for 5 years due to marrying his disciple (a relationship which Srila Prabhupada compares to incest), and **Suhotra Swami**, who had to step down as guru for 2 years due to becoming addicted to mundane videos and novels (see GBC Executive Committee Statement

26/7/2000 and GBC Resolutions 2001). In the latter case, the penalty time-out did not suffice, since a few years later, the GBC was forced to "remove" Suhotra permanently from the *parampara*.

The bad guru

Which brings us to the old-fashioned way the GBC used to deal with fallen gurus. They would permanently kick gurus out from the *parampara* once and for all, such as in the case of Harikesa, Vipramukhya etc. This method accepts that the guru has now become a "bad guru". This itself raises the absurd situation of how you can have a "bad guru" to begin with. Indeed, Srila Prabhupada mocks this very idea:

"And what is a "bad" guru? [...] Well, if he is bad, how can he become a guru? [Laughter.] How can iron become gold? Actually, a guru cannot be bad, for if someone is bad, he cannot be a guru. You cannot say "bad guru." That is a contradiction."

(Srila Prabhupada, Interview with The Times of London, published in The Science of Self-Realization, chapter 2)

Maybe the attempt to evolve "half-gurus" and "time-out gurus" were attempts to move away from the absurd contradictions present in having "bad gurus". But as we noted, this merely creates other absurd contradictions. Such as having a guru who is simultaneously both qualified and not qualified to act as a *diksha* guru; such as having a guru who is simultaneously in and out of the *parampara* at the same time; such as having one who can take a "vacation" from the *parampara*.

Conclusion

All these fanciful concoctions and contradictions reveal that there are two types of gu-



Srila Prabhupada:
All good, all the time

rus. First, those spoken of by Srila Prabhupada:

"A bona fide spiritual master is in the disciplic succession from time eternal, and he does not deviate at all from the instructions of the Supreme Lord" (Bhagavad-gita As It Is, 4.42, purport, original 1972 ed.)

And, second, those concocted by the GBC in their guru laboratory, where all sorts of different creatures are manufactured; creatures who have been condemned as bogus by Srila Prabhupada. Hence there is no question of any of these GBC gurus ever even having one foot in the *parampara* – for they were never in the *parampara* to begin with! As we have mentioned previously, such contradiction will naturally result when one has fabricated a guru hoax, and such nonsense "guru-tattva" (guru philosophy) is indicative of an unauthorised, made-up guru program. A spiritually authorised program is naturally free of error and contradiction. Such a program existed previously, and it exists today. It was established by Srila Prabhupada, and it is based on having Srila Prabhupada as the guru of ISKCON. We, therefore, need to leave the GBC concocted guru madness behind and get back to this sane program. In sum, we need to get "Back to Prabhupada".

From Belgrade to *BTP*

COMING TO
PRABHUPADA

By
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I first came into contact with Krishna consciousness in 1986 when a devotee came to my apartment to sell me some of Srila Prabhupada's books. I purchased the first and second canto of *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, *Bhagavad-gita*, and *Krsna Book*. They had been unpacked for some time and then after a while I tried to read them. But I could not understand them at all. Later on in 1990 again I met a devotee who wanted to sell me some books. I told her that I already had these books and I explained to her that I did not understand these books despite several attempts to read them. She gave me *The Science of Self-Realization*, which I did not have, and told me to try reading that. I did, and that's how everything started, for now I suddenly did understand the books! During 1990 and 1991 I was reading 5-6 hours a day, and sometimes even more. I simply could not stop reading these books and the more I read, the more my realization, respect and love for Srila Prabhupada developed simultaneously. I had read Srila Prabhupada stating that when a devotee's divine consciousness begins to wake up by the mercy of Lord Krishna everything takes place so beautifully that the devotee does not even know how it is happening. And I was practically finding that this was happening to me. It was mystical! I could also understand that Krishna was speaking through Srila Prabhupada, and that he must be the dearest servant of Lord Krishna to be able to undertake and so magnificently accom-

plish his mission. In this way I became totally convinced about the philosophy of Krishna consciousness just by reading the books, and also began to follow all the practices. My family (wife and 3 children) also followed suit.

I next wondered where I could find devotees or whether they existed at that time in Serbia, the country I lived in. After some time devotees came from the capital, Belgrade, to my city of Nis, to perform a music concert. Contact was made with them, and my family and I then began to visit the Belgrade temple whenever we could. In 1993 I went to India with devotees and I was fascinated. Whilst there I bought many more of Srila Prabhupada's books and read as much as I could. During this time I was running my own taxi business, and since I had a nice large vehicle, I was given the opportunity to pick up from the airport and take to the Belgrade temple the many ISKCON gurus who would visit Serbia, such as Rohini Suta Prabhu, Krishna Ksetra Prabhu, Bhakti Vaibhava Swami and Bhakti Vikash Swami. This became a regular service and therefore I got to know the gurus better, and attended the programs and lectures that they were giving. In 1995 there were suddenly about 15 devotees in Nis. They started to visit our house, since we had a small altar with a picture of Panca Tattva (Lord Chaitanya and His principal associates) where we offered food and performed *arati* (worship). In 1996 two of my younger children got initiated by Rohini Suta, and three days later Gaura-Nitai deities graced our al-

tar. At the end of that year I also got initiated, by Harikesa Swami. Ironically, my wife and eldest son, though they fully accepted the process of Krishna consciousness, did not like any of the ISKCON gurus, and therefore resisted taking initiation from any of them!

At this time I also began running a regular "*Nama-hatta*" (congregational) program in my house.

After some time I slowly started noticing strange things. Even I knew most of the answers to the questions that devotees were asking after the lectures given by the ISKCON gurus. At that time audio players called "Walkmans" were used and all the devotees were listening to their gurus' lectures, but I noticed that hardly any devotees were reading Srila Prabhupada's books. It was as if they were written only for their gurus to read and not for the devotees. Later I realised that even the ISKCON gurus did not read Srila Prabhupada's books in the right way. Another thing I noticed was that these gurus did not come to *mangala-arati* (early morning worship), and they did not eat *prasadam* (sanctified food) or chant *japa* (rosary) rounds with the devotees. I began to wonder how a pure devotee of Lord Krishna could be sleeping during *mangala-arati*! This behaviour was followed by some senior devotees and sometimes by most of the devotees, meaning that sometimes only 2-3 devotees out of 80-100 devotees attended *mangala-arati*. With time, the standards began to degrade even more, and *mangala-aratis* began starting as late as 9 am in

the ISKCON retreats held at Fruska Gora in Serbia. The lectures the gurus gave seemed to me somehow incomplete, and while reading Srila Prabhupada's books made us full of enthusiasm, the preaching of the gurus made devotees sleepy, with devotees openly sleeping throughout their lectures.

Finally the fall of Harikesa Swami in 1998 led to the movement in Serbia becoming severely weakened.

It became clear to me now that the ISKCON gurus and the GBC were not qualified to do what they were doing. I consoled the disappointed devotees by telling them that only Srila Prabhupada is our guru, and if we follow the instructions that he has given, as explained in his books, we can progress spiritually. That Srila Prabhupada is the one who will take us back home, back to Godhead, and not the present "gurus". I asked the devotees to support me, because this was the only way to maintain the *Nama-hatta*. Devotees became separated into different groups, with some leaving and some staying. In this way we managed to continue with our daily programs. However at this time, in my mind I always had the same question: "*How could Srila Prabhupada authorise unqualified devotees to become 'gurus'?*" but I could not find the answer.

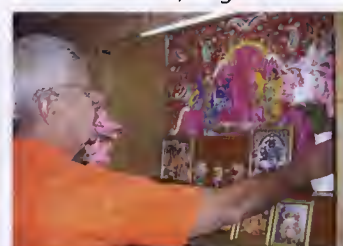
Later the NATO bombardment of Serbia occurred and the Belgrade temple closed and devotees were scattered in all directions. During this time myself and another devotee, Megadutha Das,



Dina-vatsala in India



A program at Dina-vatsala's home



Decorating the home altar

were left alone in Nis, but even during the bombardment we continued to perform daily *arati*.

Later on in Nis things settled down, and the ISKCON gurus once again began visiting my *Nama-hatta* program. Since I was strongly insisting on reading Srila Prabhupada's books and strictly following the rules and regulations of *sadhana-bhakti* (regulated devotional service) they accused me of "frying devotees". They of course also objected to my claiming that we can take shelter of only Srila Prabhupada as our guru. The National Council that was managing ISKCON in Serbia then attempted to try and close my *Nama-hatta* and ban me from being in ISKCON. But this remained just their unfulfilled dream. Rather, by 2003 I myself stopped inviting gurus from visiting the *Nama-hatta* I was running. By Krishna's arrangement shortly afterwards, my eldest son who had been visiting India, came across a *Back To Prabhupada* magazine there, and he brought it back for us. I had heard about the "*ritviks*" in the 1990s, but we had been misled regarding what they stood for. Now I was able to see for myself what they actually claimed, without the via medium of ISKCON distorting their message. However, as I could not read English (this article has been translated by my son), I was very keen to read *The Final Order* (TFO) book when it was translated into Serbian, and so I waited patiently for this. As soon as I got *The Final Order* I read it very carefully. And finally I saw an answer to the question which I mentioned I had had for many years, and which had also troubled many other devotees: "How could Srila Prabhupada authorise unqualified devotees to become 'gurus'?" TFO proved that actually Srila Prabhupada had not authorised anyone to succeed him as *diksha guru* for ISKCON. I saw all the evidence for the establishment of the *ritvik* system and everything became so clear for



Dina-vatsala Das displays the Serbian and English BTP

me now. I saw that TFO was establishing with evidence that which I had felt for some time. My dilemmas about unqualified "gurus" were now clarified, and with the last spark of any doubt dissipated, I became very steady and calm in my spiritual life.

Also by coming to know about the work of the IRM, and how they are fearlessly enlightening devotees all over the world regarding Srila Prabhupada's true teachings, I became very happy realising that there were a lot of devotees who know the truth. I began writing to TFO's author and BTP editor Krishnakant Prabhu and promised not just verbal support but other kinds of support, and actually I was already doing that by sending Serbian language BTP magazines to devotees in Skopje (Macedonia) and Zagreb (Croatia). I asked them to read it carefully. When I got BTP magazine Special Issue 1 & 2 and a few copies of TFO in the Serbian language, I had sent one *Final Order* book to the ISKCON devotees in Belgrade. As most ISKCON temples now have a special department to fight against the *ritvik* system, the Belgrade devotees also had one, even though there is no temple there. So they sent one devotee to Nis to try and combat me. He did not have the courage to visit me, but he went instead to a young *grihasta* (householder) couple that occasionally came to our small *Nama-hatta*. He had occasion to touch BTP and TFO when he was with them, and he

then went and washed his hands straight away to "purify" himself. He advised the young couple not to read BTP magazine or *The Final Order* book because it is prohibited for ISKCON devotees, and that if they did, they would make a real serious offense to the "lotus feet" of ISKCON's "gurus". Such is the ignorance and fanaticism of those who oppose Srila Prabhupada.

In Serbia with its different gurus and their disciples, I have had first-hand experience that the gurus consider their disciples their own personal property, and the disciples are loyal only to them and nothing else. In this way we have as many *sampradayas* (lineages) in ISKCON as we have "gurus". How then can there be harmony? Even the Yamadutas (agents of Yamaraja, the lord of death) know that if there is more than one authority for the universe, things will not take place properly. There is one authority in ISKCON but they cannot see him, it is Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada said that one who follows his instructions is his disciple, and one who does not follow is not his disciple. By this statement ISKCON leaders and their followers are not his disciples because they have rejected Srila Prabhupada's instructions regarding who is the guru of ISKCON and so many other things. And those who reject the guru's instructions become useless. In this way ISKCON is managed by people who do not have knowledge and are not his disciples. All IRM

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magazines and *The Final Order* repeat this point again and again, fully documented with a detailed explanation. "Gurus" foolishly and stubbornly remain persistent in their ignorance, and thus shame themselves and ISKCON and Srila Prabhupada by denying themselves and the devotees who follow them, Prabhupada's and Krishna's mercy.

I will continue to help the ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) in every possible way to spread the truth about the guru hoax, distributing *Back To Prabhupada* magazines, helping with IRM translations for the IRM Serbian website, and by personal preaching. I am also still maintaining small regular gatherings for the devotees who are in Nis.

I am grateful to all IRM devotees and Krishnakant Prabhu for everything they are doing and I am offering my humble obeisances to them.

This story is not written in order to criticize or insult someone. It is written for those of pure heart as well as for those who are misled, as I was previously. Its purpose is to present the truth and motivate devotees to take shelter of Srila Prabhupada, just like the IRM is doing.

Hare Krishna! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Readers are cordially invited to follow Dina-vatsala Das's example by sending us your story of just how you came 'Back to Prabhupada'.

Srila Prabhupada speaks out on philanthropy

In our feature article on pages 12-13, we give examples of ISKCON's new mission of performing philanthropic acts, such as supporting hospitals and secular education, which have no connection to the performance of any Krishna conscious activities prescribed by Srila Prabhupada. Many other examples could also have been cited if space allowed, such as building bird boxes and clearing litter from a public park. Such activities appear to be undertaken with a view to ISKCON accommodating and becoming part of the "mainstream". As Srila Prabhupada explains below, though these activities are certainly virtuous in their own right, they have no connection to the mission of Krishna consciousness which ISKCON is supposed to be spreading.

The actual charitable mission of ISKCON

"ISKCON (the International Society of Krishna Consciousness) is a non-lucrative organization, whose purpose is to promote the well-being of human society by drawing its attention to God."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 24/8/1968)

Bogus ideas

"People very much appreciate it when we expand our conception of self-interest from bodily welfare to family welfare, or from family welfare to community welfare, or from community welfare to national welfare [...] But these are all bogus ideas, misconceptions."

(The Quest for Enlightenment, chapter 2)

Waste of money charity

"Charity in the mode of goodness is recommended by the scriptures, but charity in the modes of passion and ignorance is not recommended because it is simply a waste of money. Charity should be given only to propagate Krishna consciousness all over the world. That is charity in the mode of goodness."

(Bhagavad-gita As It Is, 16:1-3, purport)

Sense gratification

"If you give some money for opening hospital, if you give some money for opening schools, free ed-

ucation. These are certainly virtuous activities. But they are also meant for sense gratification. Suppose if I give in charity for distributing education. Then in my next life I will be getting good facilities for education, I'll be highly educated or being educated I shall get nice post. At the end, what is the idea? If I get a good post if I get a good position, how do I utilize it? For sense gratification. [...] That is fruitive activities."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 14/2/1969)

Not accepted in Bhagavatam

"This is very important point. People are very much interested in welfare activities for the human society. So they think that by feeding poor men or giving cloth or opening hospitals, schools, colleges - "These things are required. What is the use of hearing about Krishna?" That is their opinion. But these welfare activities are extended selfishness. [...] Yes. Without knowing what is the real self-interest. Therefore we find so many faults in such welfare activities. [...] So that kind of philanthropy is not accepted in the Srimad-Bhagavatam as very advancement of civilization."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 19/10/1972)

Schools and hospitals not devotional service

"Pious activities bring about

material opulence, but one cannot acquire devotional service by any amount of material pious activity, not by giving charity, opening big hospitals and schools or working philanthropically. Devotional service can be attained only by the mercy of a pure devotee."

(Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila 22.51, purport)

Material embarrassment

"To open hospital or to open a school or similar philanthropic activities are generally being done by persons who are embarrassed with this mithya* world [...] Because they found it better happiness by taking in politics and on political movements or opening school, hospitals. They found better happiness in these activities. Then why the, they say that this jagat mithya?* These are activities of the material world."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 9/11/1972)

* illusory world

Material pleasure

"Therefore they take to this hospitality or opening a school or philanthropic work, another type of this material pleasure."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, 5/8/1976)

Diversion of real duty

"If you become Krsna conscious [...] then all other duties are auto-

matically done. There is no question of separate attempt—philanthropy, philosophy and nationalism, this "ism," that "ism." We have discovered so many things and diversion of the real duty."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 15/1/1977)

Useless impediment

"The so-called philanthropy, altruism, humanitarianism, this ism, that.... Bogus.... Not bogus—useless. It will not help. They are pious activities. So, Caitanya-caritamrta says, pious or impious, both of them are impediments to Krsna consciousness. So we are not interested with pious activities or impious even. We are interested how to serve Krsna."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, 8/1/1977)

Real philanthropy

"There are, for the materialistic person, there are two varieties of self-interest. One is concentrated interest and other is expanded interest. [...] They think that I have extended my self-interest to my country, to my family, I have become a big man. And people also give him honor. This we have practical experience but that is extended self-interest. That is not actually philanthropy. Philanthropy is when one becomes interested in Krsna's interest, that is real philanthropy."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 29/10/1976)

IRM Mission Statement

Since the physical departure of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada from our material vision on November 14th 1977, the International Society For Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), the great movement which he single-handedly founded in 1966, and which is the only hope for humanity, has undergone a massive deterioration in its spiritual purity. This has been due to various deviations from the instructions and standards given by Srila Prabhupada, the chief of which being his displacement as the sole *diksha* Guru for ISKCON. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) seeks to restore ISKCON to its former glory, purity and philosophical chastity through the re-institution of all the instructions and standards that Srila Prabhupada gave, beginning with his role as the sole authority and *diksha* Guru for ISKCON. The IRM's position is set out in *The Final Order* - see back page to order your free copy.



Readers' questions and challenges

"Don't pull yourself down with the poison of BITTERNESS, ANGER and lamentation, in this way you are in the same behaviour, so as you put the blame to the other, [...] Start something new now with freshness, a new peaceful congregation in Krishna consciousness [...] It's Kali-yuga and nobody can be perfect, even you."

- Joyce van Dulken, The Netherlands

Editor replies:

You have written to us pointing out what you believe we are doing wrong, and what we must do instead, and claiming we are full of the "poison of bitterness, anger and lamentation". In doing so, you would be guilty, according to your own argument, of displaying "the same behaviour" since "you put the blame to the other" (us) and therefore being full of the same "poison of bitterness, anger and lamentation". It can't be wrong for the IRM to point out someone is wrong (guru hoaxers), but right for you to point out someone is wrong (IRM). Such hypocrisy means your argument is defeated by self-contradiction. As you note, we live in *Kali-yuga*, and the chief characteristic of this age is hypocrisy!

Additionally:

1) We are not, nor are we interested in, starting "something new". We are simply attempting to revive the original ISKCON as established by Srila Prabhupada when he was the only *diksha* guru of the movement. It is the GBC that has started "something new" by replacing Srila Prabhupada with an unauthorised and concocted guru system.

2) We have never claimed that we are perfect, but we do claim that Srila Prabhupada is perfect and that he should therefore be followed as one's only guru.

3) Speaking the truth is not "poisoned anger and bitterness". It's just speaking the truth!

"[...] this distasteful literature...this disgusting news you are mailing. If you want to please Prabhupada, go out there and spread Krishna consciousness instead of this rubbish. You may report as you wish, but I do not want to be like you, a fly that is attracted to rubbish."

- Dhanesh Amtha, Sandton, South Africa

Editor replies:

We completely agree with you that some of the news we publish is disgusting. For that you can blame the GBC, whose statements we are simply repeating verbatim. For example:

"The GBC has determined, following a careful investigation, that Param Gati Swami recently made sexual advances to a male devotee." (GBC Executive Committee, 2009)

"The GBC Executive Committee, after much deliberation and consultation, has no alternative but to sadly report the deviations of and the abuses to devotees carried out by Balabhadra dasa (ACBSP), previously known as Bhakti Balabh Puri Goswami [...] In the name of 'helping' two female disciples he performed many explicit sexual and voyeuristic acts by exploiting the obedience of his female disciples." (GBC Statement, 17/9/2007)

"Several decades of scandals have slashed the perceived value of ISKCON's product especially in regards to gurus and leadership. [...] We have seen gay priests, megalomania, paedophilia, murder" (HH Jayadvaita Swami, ISKCON Studies Conference, Italy, 2007)

However, what is most disgusting is the fact that Krishna's pure devotee Srila Prabhupada has been kicked out as the guru of his own movement. It is this state of affairs which is the real "rubbish", and by tolerating such a state of affairs, you are allowing such rubbish to flourish and cannot possibly be pleasing Srila Prabhupada.

"Your arguments about ISKCON are good and you present excellent information about the Back To Prabhupada movement, but don't you think your magazine gets a bit repetitive at times? I mean, most of your readers know what's going on with ISKCON and about the guru hoax."

- Matthew Melnick, New York City, USA

Editor replies:

Many of our readers do not know about the guru hoax. That's why we still get so many letters telling us that *BTP* has opened their eyes. Whereas, other readers are not yet convinced about the guru hoax, and each issue brings them closer to the truth, as their doubts regarding the conclusions presented in *BTP* gradually get removed. Plus, we are also getting newer readers all the time, with new subscriptions coming in on a daily basis.

And those who are already fully convinced about the guru hoax tell us *BTP* is still essential reading as it helps to strengthen their faith and they revel in seeing Srila Prabhupada defended and glorified, and those trying to take his place defeated and vanquished. Additionally, *BTP* is revealing to them so many other truths about Srila Prabhupada's actual directives for ISKCON, in regards to commercialisation, Hinduisation, secularisation and so many other deviations which are unfortunately being perpetrated in Srila Prabhupada's name.

Yes, the conclusion that Srila Prabhupada is the guru is repeated in *BTP* - many times. Just as Srila Prabhupada's books repeat the conclusion that "Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead" on virtually every page of his books. The stating of spiritual truths in many different ways is very relishing, especially those relating to Srila Prabhupada.

"As you are aware, our religion is at virtual collapsing point and this is the time we all need to work carefully to defend the same from collapse, but the infighting is going to kill the mission again. [...] By printing and publishing *BTP* we will lose several thousands or millions of newcomers, aspirants and wellwishers!! Please think about and tell me Prabhu which one is better for ISKCON. [...] I hope you will not do anything which will not please Srila Prabhupada."

- Vijayakala Das, Doha, Qatar

Editor replies:

We are very happy to hear that you consider pleasing Srila Prabhupada and making him happy the goal. In this we are both united.

It is significant that you have accepted that we are only telling the truth about Srila Prabhupada, for it is not possible to make Srila Prabhupada happy by telling offensive lies about him, that he is dead and gone and therefore we must now find replacement successors to accept as substitutes.

We can only make Srila Prabhupada happy by obeying him, glorifying him and by letting everyone know that he is still available as everyone's guru. And it was Srila Prabhupada who decreed that everyone in ISKCON should become only his initiated disciple.

Therefore, due to these facts we are pleasing Srila Prabhupada. And by preaching the truth about Srila Prabhupada through *BTP*, we are saving the mission from spreading lies about him, and thereby bringing unity around him and thousands of souls to the shelter of his lotus feet - as our Letters pages attest.

In this way, we are preventing the movement from collapse.

**We welcome all correspondence.
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ISKCON's new mission

ISKCON's rejection of Srila Prabhupada as the movement's guru has been accompanied by a wholesale abandonment of his key teachings in every other major area of operation as well. As we document below, ISKCON today has evolved into a brand new movement, barely recognisable from the movement founded by Srila Prabhupada.

God

The Krishna consciousness movement, by definition, involves exclusive worship and focus on God, Krishna. Srila Prabhupada states:

"this Krsna consciousness movement simply advocates worship of Krsna to the exclusion of the demigods."

(*Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 4.31.14 purport)

However, as documented in detail in previous *BTP* issues, ISKCON temples are no longer the preserve for the exclusive worship of Krishna, with the worship of demigods now occurring alongside the worship of Krishna. This is admitted by ISKCON's leadership:

"Temples once the exclusive hold of Gaura-Nitai and Radha-Krishna now are dominated by murtis* of demigods."

(HH Jayadvaita Swami, ISKCON Studies Conference, Italy, 28/7/2007)

*sacred statues

Deity worship

Even when Krishna is worshipped in ISKCON temples, non-authorised methods have been introduced to accommodate popular culture:

"I covered the altar with fluffy white cloth that looked like snow, and made a big snowman wearing a harinama chaddar, offering incense and ringing a bell," she says. "I even had devotees make a big reindeer pulling a sleigh, which was set up on the altar so that it looked like Radha-Govinda were on it."

(*ISKCON News*, 26/12/2009, report on ISKCON Ireland)

We do not find Srila Prabhupada authorising reindeer, snowmen and Santa Claus's sleigh as being part of the deity paraphernalia for Radha-Krishna's altar worship. On the contrary, Srila Prabhupada stated that:

"The Deity worship should be done just in the way it was carried out in my presence."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 13/11/1970)

"The greatest danger to our movement will come when we manufacture and create our own process for worshipping the deities."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 4/1/1973)

Hare Krishna Maha-mantra

The Hare Krishna *Maha-mantra* is meant exclusively as a means of spiritual purification to connect us to Krishna. It is never considered a mantra meant for acquiring material benefits, and indeed such a conception is condemned by Srila Prabhupada:

Hari-sauri: "If you advertise the *maha-mantra* gives some material benefit, isn't that an offense?"

Srila Prabhupada: "Then that is *aparadha****"

Hari-sauri: "Yes."

Srila Prabhupada: "That is *aparadha*."

(Conversation, 25/2/1977)

*** offense

Yet such advertising is indeed done to make the scared Hare Krishna *maha-mantra* more appealing to a mainstream audience. Below is an example from "Veda Lifestyle", which is an official department of the ISKCON UK Headquarters, Bhaktivedanata Manor:

"Join us for this relaxing Mantra Meditation workshop and acquire tools for:

- Peaceful contemplation
- Focus and alertness
- Decreasing stress



Santa's sleigh, reindeer and polar bears on ISKCON altar

- Reducing anxiety
- Spiritual experience

This process is said to mysteriously heal the spiritual, physical and psychological body."

(www.krishnatemple.com/home / www.vedalifestyle.co.uk, archived December 2010)

Publishing

Alongside the Hare Krishna *Maha-mantra*, Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON movement was based on the exclusive printing and distribution of his teachings, in the form of his books. This is no longer so, with The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT) routinely publishing and distributing non-Bhaktivedanta books, in which Srila Prabhupada's radical message is watered-down. And, as reported in *BTP* 28, the BBT is now even planning to expand into publishing fiction! Additionally, many of the ISKCON guru hoaxers are also pushing the distribution of their own books in competition with Srila Prabhupada's books. To get an idea of the effect of just how much Srila Prabhupada's books are being displaced in his own movement, we may note, for example, that the "Bhaktivedanta Library Services" is dedicated primarily to non-"Bhaktivedanta" services, with 2/3rds of its stock from authors other than Srila Prabhupada.

Preaching

An ISKCON leader admits that the movement's approach to preaching is the opposite of that taught by Srila Prabhupada:

"The decision was made that deity worship must be maintained but that the preaching would be reduced. The problem is that this is exactly opposite of what Prabhupada wanted. [...] We find ourselves relying on a congregation [of Indian Hindus] who desire nice deities so they can worship. They give money so we have to satisfy their desires. We are not exactly employees but in many ways that is true. We have given up our autonomy and independence and become uninterested in preaching. The risk is that the temples will be transformed into third-class mundane institutions because of the exclusive focus on deity worship rather than preaching."

(GBC representative and ISKCON guru quoted in *Hare Krishna Transformed*, Burke E. Rochford, NYU Press, 2007)

One striking example of the "new ISKCON's" de-emphasis on preaching comes from HH Radhanatha Swami, who is one of the most heavily promoted gurus today in ISKCON. On national US television he stated:

"And we believe that chanting divine sound vibrations or mantras helps us to awaken and access that source of love that's

within all of us."

(HH Radhantaha Swami, Fox TV News interview, Seattle, 16/8/2010)

Yet he refused to mention even *what* that mantra is, or for that matter, even the name of Krishna or Srila Prabhupada throughout the whole interview! It has come to something when the "Hare Krishnas" are becoming afraid to say "Hare Krishna!" One may compare such statements to the bold preaching performed by Srila Prabhupada in his media interviews.

Philanthropy

To appear mainstream, ISKCON is active today in a whole host of various philanthropic causes which have no connection to any Krishna conscious activities prescribed by Srila Prabhupada. One example clearly illustrates this:

"The Lotus Trust, the welfare arm of Bhaktivedanta Manor Hare Krishna Temple raised thousands for local charities, including the Great Ormond Street Hospital during a Charity Walk on Sunday 18th July."

(ISKCON UK website, 20/7/2010)

Again, such activities are condemned by Srila Prabhupada:

"Therefore the so-called good men of this world, who are engaged in so many welfare activities, humanitarian activities, by mental concoction, they may be all foolish activities in the estimation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. They are very much puffed up, that 'We are doing this, opening hospital and school, and philanthropism, nationalism.' Is there any such thing in the *Bhagavad-gita*? Is there any advice that 'You open hospital, school and do this philanthropic work'? No."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 3/8/1973)

Education

With a view to being recognised and "accredited" by the State, ISKCON has largely abandoned its *gurukula* system of education, in favour of various initiatives which promote secu-

lar education. These range from offering the government curriculum to degrees in subjects that are not based on Srila Prabhupada's teachings, such as the "Yoga Master BA" provided by the Bhaktivedanta College run by ISKCON Budapest. Yet Srila Prabhupada did not advocate accommodation with the state in regards to education:

"We haven't got to take any help from the government by getting so-called accreditation. If outsiders want to send their children to us, it will not be for their accreditation, but because they will get the best education for relieving them of all anxieties of material life and for this education the government has no idea."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 7/3/1972)

"Government curriculum is useless."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, 24/6/1977)

"Our school will not be government recognized because we cannot follow the government syllabus."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 12/4/1972)

Gopala Krsna: "I was thinking, Srila Prabhupada, we should get this *gurukula* accepted by the government also..."

Srila Prabhupada: "No, no, no. Never do that."

(Conversation, 25/10/1972)

Festivals

In its attempt to be more appealing to the public, ISKCON festivals are now more akin to visiting a carnival or circus. For example, please see pictures above of the circus and gymnastics "yoga" "entertainment" laid on by the organisers of the Budapest Rathayatra. These activities have no connection to Lord Jagannatha being taken in procession with *kir-tana* (glorification of the Lord's names with musical instruments), which is how Srila Prabhupada established Rathayatra to be celebrated. The expansion of Lord Jagannatha's festival into hodge podge "entertainment" activi-



Budapest Rathayatra 2010: Turning Krishna festival into a circus

ties which have no connection with Lord Jagannatha is now a common occurrence at ISKCON Rathayatras.

Identity

It is only apt, that having taken on a new mission which has no connection to Srila Prabhupada's original ISKCON, today's ISKCON should also be attempting to adopt a new identity. Srila Prabhupada made strenuous efforts to educate the public that ISKCON and Krishna consciousness is separate and distinct from the "Hindu" identity:

"There is a misconception that the Krishna consciousness movement represents the Hindu religion. [...] Sometimes Indians both inside and outside of India think that we are preaching the Hindu religion, but actually we are not. One will not find the word Hindu in the *Bhagavad-gita*." (*The Science of Self-Realization*, chapter 3, 'Krsna Consciousness')

Ironically, now the *reverse* process is taking place, whereby ISKCON is actually attempting to take shelter under the umbrella of Hindu identity, rather than distinguishing itself from it.

Academic confirmation

Academics whom ISKCON has specifically invited to study the movement, provide independent confirmation of the fact that ISKCON has completely diluted its spiritual purity to launch effectively what is a new movement, different from that established by

Srila Prabhupada:

"In a state of decline, the leadership turned away from the movement's radical goals and lifestyle and focused instead on building congregations of Indian Hindus in its temple communities. [...] Indian Hindus reshaped ISKCON's religious culture and overall mission as a new religious movement." (Burke Rochford, *Hare Krishna Transformed*, NYU Press, 2007)

"Attempts to distinguish ISKCON as a universal religion from 'Hinduism' still occupy the thoughts of some devotees, but ISKCON leadership has long since distanced itself from the robust exclusivist theology of 40 years ago." (Anna King, *The Hare Krishna Movement*, I.B. Tauris, chapter 8, 2006)

The "robust exclusivist theology of 40 years ago" of course refers to the teachings of the movement as given by Srila Prabhupada.

Conclusion

Having left Srila Prabhupada behind, ISKCON's leadership has naturally also left behind Srila Prabhupada's movement and teachings, with top to bottom deviation in every sphere. Such wholesale deviation is the natural consequence of the desire to take the place of Srila Prabhupada:

"Our mission is to serve (...) Not that you take the place of the guru. That is nonsense, very dangerous. Then everything will be spoiled."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, 20/4/1977)

4-step plan for guru hoax survival revealed

In the last issue we revealed, with video footage, how violence and death threats were used at the Hungarian Budapest Rathayatra festival against IRM devotees to prevent ISKCON devotees receiving the truth about Srila Prabhupada. A follow-up meeting was conducted between guru hoaxer **HH Sivarama Swami ("SRS")**, the leader of the Hungarian *yatra* (preaching mission), and some of SRS's managers in Hungary to discuss the fallout from our presence at the Rathayatra. The transcript of this meeting reveals the guru hoaxers' strategy for ensuring ISKCON devotees are kept in the dark, and hence, the guru hoax's survival from exposure by the IRM. This strategy is based on the following 4 steps -

1. Hide
2. Mislead
3. Lie
4. Distract

- as we will now reveal. All quotes below, unless otherwise indicated, are from a meeting held in Budapest, Hungary on 14/10/2010. The meeting was conducted in Hungarian and, therefore, we provide the English translation here.

Step 1: Hide

SRS: "Yes that is not a Hungarian thing. Someone has told me, they (*the IRM*) were following the Rathayatra, because they were there in France too."

Hungarian Devotee 1: "They were foreigners and they have been chased away".

Hungarian Devotee 2: "There was an Indian, and I met two English as well."

SRS: "Yes, I can imagine they are trying...But our main protection is after Krishna and the reality, is the language here. This Hungarian language has protected devotees from many things so far. Only the Chinese language is harder than

this in the whole world...(laughter). There was Braja, but he is not actively doing things until someone comes who can speak and translate things nicely. This is a serious obstacle, and we hope it will remain like this."

SRS fully admits that their plan is to keep the devotees in the dark by hoping our papers will not be translated into Hungarian! (Incidentally, the above transcript was provided by the devotee mentioned - Braja - and we have translated dozens of IRM articles and papers onto a Hungarian IRM website - www.iskconirm.com/Magyar.htm - so we are not as inactive as he thinks!). Of course, such a "hide" strategy is only possible outside of the English-speaking world. In the English-speaking world, as we have previously reported in *BTP*, other measures, such as temple bannings, are used to deal with devotees who may make the mistake of discovering the truth.

Step 2: Mislead

Hungarian Devotee 1: "There is also one pamphlet we have given out to devotees two years ago, when this *ritvik* thing came out. That was a 44 pages paper we distributed to all devotees."

SRS: "Oh yes, that contained materials, we picked from different places. I think the *Plain Vanilla* book was in that also. So eventually, I don't think I have to convince someone here, to not become a *ritvik*. (Laughter) [...] We also have to educate them, because the best protection is always the education, just like before this whole *ritvik* came, I spoke to devotees about it long before, that is why we printed this book *Plain Vanilla*."

The publications SRS speaks about were answered long ago, and exposed as not actually even addressing what the IRM's position

is (as can be seen by going to our website www.iskconirm.com) and, therefore, are not relevant to the debate. By using such publications, SRS is deliberately misleading, rather than educating, the devotees.

Step 3: Lie

SRS: "This is not the matter, rather, we have to communicate that, because their philosophy is without any basis, and unprecedented, their only way to preach is to destroy people's faith in ISKCON by quoting what bad things happened in ISKCON."

When our position is presented by the guru hoaxers, only blatant lies are offered. Leaving aside the fact that our philosophy is simply repeating verbatim Srila Prabhupada's direct orders without change, our philosophy is that everyone can have a relationship with Srila Prabhupada in the same manner SRS did - getting initiated without ever having had any physical contact with Srila Prabhupada. Why doesn't SRS honestly say that our philosophy is therefore actually based on what *he* did?! And the "bad things" we do mention are repeated verbatim from the GBC's public news releases, so why doesn't SRS therefore claim that it is the GBC which is destroying people's faith in ISKCON?

Note that the last 2 steps may work only if they are combined with the first all-important step of ensuring the truth is always hidden from the devotees, and in this way the guru hoaxers can get away with any misleading and lies they wish to perpetrate.

Step 4: Distract

"when you approach a guru, you should see, *uh*, see his behaviour, and if you see this founder of the *apa-sampradaya*, this Krishnakant Desai. I mean he's, it's a joke. He doesn't have any spiritual life." (Bhakti Vikash Swami ("BVKS"), voted-in guru hoaxer, Lecture 9/6/2008)



Srila Prabhupada:
Guru hoax struggling to
justify his removal

Finally, when one can no longer hide the truth from the devotees, one has to resort to attacking the person presenting the truth, as an evasive tactic. This is a logical fallacy known as *argumentum ad hominem*, and is engaged in precisely when the merits of what is being presented cannot be challenged. Leave aside the fact that BVKS seems to have forgotten that it is he, and not I, who claims to be a self-realised guru, and that he has never seen my behaviour to be able to comment on my spiritual life. Even if such personal attacks were truthful, they could still not disprove the fact that Srila Prabhupada ordered a *ritvik* system and not guru successors. If the guru hoaxers could actually defeat the statements I was presenting, they would not need to resort to attacking me personally as a substitute for their inability to defeat them.

Conclusion

The use of such survival tactics proves that the guru hoax relies on deception rather than truth for its existence. The hoaxers have no choice but to resort to such tactics, since one cannot challenge what the IRM is actually presenting head-on, as the truth, by definition, cannot be challenged.



3 times means: “no more denial” and “final”

Srla Prabhupada makes it clear that a conclusion stated at least 3 times can not be denied, but rather it is irrevocably and irrefutably established as final:

“3 times means giving too much stress. [...] That means no more denial. Finish all stress. So as soon as one thing is 3 times stressed, that means final.”

(Srla Prabhupada Lecture, 27/11/1968)

However, ISKCON continues to remain in denial over some basic conclusions which have clearly been established at least 3 times.

FINAL:

Diksha gurus not ordered

STRIKE 1:

Bhavananda: “There will be men, I know. There will be men who want to try and pose themselves as guru.”

Tamala Krsna: “That was going on many years ago. Your Godbrothers were thinking like that. Mādhava Maharaja...”

Bhavananda: “Oh, yes. Oh, ready to jump.”

Srla Prabhupada: “Very strong management required and vigilant observation.”

(Conversation, 27/5/77)

Srla Prabhupada states that anyone trying to become guru in ISKCON should be stopped through “strong management and vigilant observation”. Clearly, therefore, Srla Prabhupada was not intending on the very next day to order *ritviks* (officiating priests) who would become *diksha* (initiating) gurus on his departure, as the GBC claims! (GBC resolution 409, 2004, please see *BTP* 4).

STRIKE 2:

Satsvarupa: “Then our next question concerns initiations in the future, particularly at that time when you’re no longer with us. We want to know how first

and second initiation would be conducted.”

Prabhupada: “Yes. I shall recommend some of you. After this is settled up, I shall recommend some of you to act as officiating *acaryas*.”

Tamala Krsna: “Is that called *ritvik-acarya*?”

Prabhupada: “*Rtvik*, yes.”
(Conversation, May 28th, 1977)

STRIKE 3:

Satsvarupa: “So they may also be considered your disciples.”

Prabhupada: “Yes, they are disciples. Why consider? Who?”
(Conversation, May 28th, 1977)

Confirming in two further ways, the point made under Strike 1, in the conversation held the next day, Srla Prabhupada states:

a) He will appoint *ritviks*, not *diksha* gurus, to conduct initiations for “particularly at that time” that he will be “no longer with us.”

b) Those whom the *ritviks* will initiate will be his disciples.

So there can be “no more denial” and it’s “final” that *ritviks* were not ordered to turn into *diksha* gurus.”

FINAL:

Ritvik system permanent, not temporary

STRIKE 1:

“Srla Prabhupada indicated that soon He would appoint some of His senior disciples to act as “*ritvik*”—representative of the *acarya*, for the purpose of performing initiations, both first initiation and second initiation.”

(July 9th directive, 1977)

STRIKE 2:

“Make your own field and continue to become *ritvik* and act on my behalf.”

(Srla Prabhupada Letter to *ritvik* Hamsadutta, 31/7/1977)

STRIKE 3:

“The system of management will continue as it is now and there is no need of any change.”
(Srla Prabhupada’s Last Will and Codicil)

It is stated in 3 different ways that the *ritvik* system established by Srla Prabhupada is to be permanent rather than being discontinued on his departure:

a) The system is meant to fulfill the permanent purpose of conducting first and second initiations.

b) A *ritvik* should continue to act in this capacity.

c) After Srla Prabhupada’s departure, the system of management for ISKCON, which includes how initiations are managed, must continue without change. So there can be “no more denial” and it’s “final” that the *ritvik* system was not to be discontinued, just 120 days (Srla Prabhupada’s departure) after it was established.

FINAL:

“Become guru” does not mean diksha guru

STRIKE 1:

“Therefore Caitanya Mahāprabhu ...*Yare dekha tare kaha ‘kṛṣṇa’-upadesa:* “You become guru. No qualification required.”
(Srla Prabhupada Conversation, 25/1/77)

STRIKE 2:

“*Yare dekha tare kaha ‘kṛṣṇa’-bas.* So who cannot do it? Anyone can do it, even a child. (*laughs*) Our Syamasundara’s daughter. She was preaching, “Do you know Kṛṣṇa?” [...] Everyone can become guru by simply teaching these 3 words.”

(Srla Prabhupada Conversation, 25/1/77)

STRIKE 3:

“The cult of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu is explained here

very nicely. [...] It is best not to accept any disciples.”

(*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-līla*, 7:128, 7:130, purport)

In 3 different ways, Srla Prabhupada makes it clear that his use of Lord Caitanya’s order to “become guru”, does not refer to *diksha* gurus, since:

a) One does not require any qualification.

b) Anyone can do it, even a child.

c) One should not take any disciples.

All 3 points are in stark contrast to a *diksha* guru:

a) Who must be qualified.

b) Only those authorised can act as such.

c) Must accept disciples.

So again, this conclusion, that “become guru” does not authorise “*diksha* gurus”, is established as “final”, and there can be “no more denial” regarding this point.

Conclusion

1) Srla Prabhupada did not order 11 *ritviks* to stop acting as *ritviks* and instead turn into *diksha* gurus.

2) The *ritvik* system was a permanent, not temporary, system.

3) The order to “become guru” does not refer to *diksha* gurus.

Each of the above conclusions has been proven 3 times, and establishes the same point - that Srla Prabhupada remains ISKCON’s *diksha* guru. And this point is itself proven 3 times! How more “final” can it be?!

Even materialistic governments understand that “3 times means final” – in the USA they have a “3 strikes and you are out” policy for criminals who commit 3 crimes. Yet our supposedly “self-realised” ISKCON gurus and their supposedly “vaisnava” followers still do not understand this simple teaching from Srla Prabhupada.

ISKCON's bogus *sannyasis* – by ISKCON's *sannyasa* minister!

ISKCON *sannyasis* are supposed to be renunciants who, by definition, have given up all material desires and attachments, and this has led to most of them going on, as standard, to become *diksha*, or initiating, gurus. However, below, ISKCON's *sannyasa* minister, **HH Prahladananda Swami** ("PAS"), reveals the true state of ISKCON's *sannyasa* program.

ISKCON *sannyasis* – excessively attached

"The first *sannyasi* he gave, from my perspective – Kirtanananda Maharaja. It wasn't inspired by Prabhupada, it was more inspired by Kirtanananda. Similarly after that, Prabhupada gave *sannyasa* under circumstances where the managers seemed to be very attached, excessively attached, even disturbed the Society in different ways. And Prabhupada gave them *sannyasa* and sent them off to preach. And then, he gave them, although they created further disturbances, Prabhupada eventually engaged them in the preaching."
(PAS, Q&A, 1/8/2001)

ISKCON *sannyasis* – instigated guru hoax

"And then Prabhupada of course he left, and then many of the *sannyasis*, who were at that time GBC members, they came up with some ideas which were not exactly in Prabhupada's mind. They became gurus and they had a certain conception that if you're a guru whatever you do is right; rather than because everything you do is right, therefore you're a guru." (PAS, Q&A, 1/8/2001)

ISKCON *sannyasis* – same problem today

"But the same problems are undoubtedly there still. *Sannyasa* and women, *sannyasa* and material opulence, *sannyasa* and prestige, adoration, distinction – don't go very well together. The same weakness is there as long as the GBC is not strong enough to actually properly regulate the different preachers in the Society." (PAS, Q&A, 1/8/2001)

ISKCON guru system instills opposite qualities to those required

"But even more than *sannyasa* is guru [...] if one becomes a guru then disciples think that 'my spiritual master is as good as God'. So much favourable service and flattery. So things are exactly the opposite of what the devotee's trying to cultivate." (PAS, Q&A, 1/8/2001)

Srila Prabhupada puts an end to ISKCON *sannyasis* for good

"This should be strictly outlawed, no more *sannyasis*. [...] First of all there will be no *sannyasi* anymore." (Srila Prabhupada Conversation, 7/1/1977)



LEFT:
HH Prahladananda
Swami chopping ISKCON's
sannyasis down to size



RIGHT:
Srila Prabhupada puts
an end to all bogus
sannyasis and gurus

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